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National Park Service Announces \$500,000 in Underrepresented Community Grants



The Nez Perce Tribe Rapid River Fishery nomination project was a joint effort of the Idaho SHPO, consultants James Hepworth & Amy Canfield, and the Nez Perce Tribe under a NPS URC grant.

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WASHINGTON – The National Park Service (NPS) announced today \$500,000 in grants to support 13 projects, which will help identify and nominate state, tribal, and local sites for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The NPS' **Underrepresented Community Grant Program** helps fund projects such as surveys and inventories of historic properties, and assists communities currently underrepresented in the National Register with developing their nominations.

"Together with our state, tribal, and local partners, this competitive grant program will help communities across the country identify and nominate lesser-known historic properties," National Park Service Deputy Director P. Daniel Smith said. "Historic properties brought into the National Register through this program will help the register better reflect the significant stories told throughout our nation."

This year's funded projects include the development a historic context for women's suffrage sites in Nevada, documentation of significant tribal sites for the Pala, Saginaw, Ysleta, and Muckleshoot Indians in California, and a survey of the Great Migration and its impacts on the development of African American neighborhoods in Detroit.

Since 2014, Congress has appropriated \$2 million in Underrepresented Community Grants through the Historic Preservation Fund, which uses revenue from federal oil leases to provide assistance for a broad range of preservation assistance without expending tax dollars.

For more information about the grants and the Underrepresented Community Grant Program, please visit, <https://go.nps.gov/urc>.

2019 Underrepresented Community Grant Recipients:

State	Grantee	Project	Award
Alabama	Alabama Historical Commission	Complete a Multiple Property Document for evaluating the eligibility of extant slave dwellings in each of Alabama's cultural and physiographic regions	\$40,000
California	Pala Band of Mission Indians	Survey, inventory, and prepare a National Register nomination of the Cupeño traditional cultural landscape and ancestral territory	\$49,531
District of Columbia	District of Columbia Office of Planning	Historic Context Study to identify themes and sites in D.C. history related to Asian and Pacific Islander communities	\$40,000
Kentucky	Louisville Jefferson County Metropolitan Government	Survey of the historically African American Chickasaw Neighborhood and preparation of a National Register nomination	\$ 50,000
Michigan	Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan	Analysis of historic site associated with the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School for listing in the National Register	\$ 46,302
Michigan	City of Detroit	Survey of the Great Migration and the development of African American Neighborhoods in Detroit	\$ 40,000
Montana	Montana Historical Society	Documenting and Sharing Montana's African American Heritage, Phase 3	\$27,052
Nevada	Nevada Department of Cult Affairs / Historic Preservation Office	Development of a Historic Context for Women's Suffrage and Social History in Nevada	\$46,415
New York	NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation	New York City LGBT historic sites survey and nomination project: Phase 3	\$25,000
Texas	Ysleta del Sur Pueblo	Survey and inventory of culturally and historically significant Tribal sites	\$44,439
Utah	Utah Division of State History	Document and create a comprehensive inventory to nominate Latinx historical properties within the state of Utah	\$36,000
Washington	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Survey and National Register nomination of Reynolds Farm and Indian Agency	\$30,420
West Virginia	West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture & History	Survey and National Register nomination of properties on the campus of West Virginia State University; a Historically Black College and University (HBCU)	\$24,841
TOTAL			\$500,000

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